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Mayor bashes pols

Election-year mudslinging. Michael Bloomberg says the NYPD is 'under attack' by 2013 mayoral candidates who are trying to score cheap political points. **New York's finest — really.** The mayor also says the police have an 'incredible record' and worries about what his successor's stance on protecting public safety might be. PAGE 04

New York newlyweds star in new reality show

The show follows the life of a Harlem couple. PAGE 02

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The 22-year-old John Tavares leads the Islanders' burgeoning young squad into a showdown with top-seed Pittsburgh. / GETTY IMAGES



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Bloomberg, on NYPD criticism. See page 4 for our coverage.

In the news

Weiner rakes in bucks

Tweeting racy photos can tank a political career, but apparently it won't stand in the way of raking in the big bucks as a private citizen — no tell-all memoir needed.

Photo-happy Anthony Weiner has reportedly not suffered much in the aftermath of his fall from political grace: According to *The New York Times*, Weiner and his wife, Huma Abedin, had a combined income of \$496,000 in 2012, and the majority of that came from Weiner's consulting work. "I am a good capitalist," Weiner reportedly declared.



Harlem residents Kimberly Cherebin and Alaska Gedeon star in Bravo's new reality show "Newlyweds: The First Year." / BRAVO

NY newlyweds are reality stars

Candid camera. Most newlyweds might not want cameras following them. But that's what happened for this NY couple.

The Bravo series "Newlyweds: The First Year" which premieres Monday, follows four newlywed couples' first year of marital life, including Kimberly Cherebin and Alaska Gedeon, who

live in Manhattan when not working in Los Angeles.

Viewers will see the newlyweds searching for and decorating their Harlem apartment, with cross-reality-television events like shopping at "Real Housewives of New York" star Jill Zarin's furniture boutique.

Cherebin, a stylist, and Gedeon, who works in the music industry, told Metro about going through marital ups and downs with cameras watching.

Both said the show was "therapeutic," even though

On-camera life

"You know that someone else is watching, it really makes you think twice about what you say." Alaska Gedeon

Gedeon was hesitant.

"I'm really private, as ironic as it sounds," he said.

Cherebin added that the show forced them to face issues they might not have addressed during the first year, "because you're trying to wait everything out."

Next up? No cameras,

and more time in L.A. — although they're adamant about keeping their Harlem apartment.

"We don't want to lose that New York City edge," Gedeon said.



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The court ruled Sandy victims may keep staying in hotels. / GETTY IMAGES

Ruling. Court: NYC must keep Sandy victims in hotels

The city must keep paying hotel subsidies for people who have no homes after Sandy, a court ruled.

Councilwoman Anabel Palma said a judge ruled the city could not discontinue the subsidies.

The city had announced it would stop paying for hotel rooms

starting April 30.

Hundreds of people without homes have been staying in hotels.

"Today's ruling is a welcome relief to the hundreds of families living in hotels who cannot afford to have their lives uprooted once again," Palma said. **ALISON BOWEN**

Sandy aftermath

Gov. Cuomo freezes Con Ed bonuses

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has called for an investigation into the hefty bonuses that a group of Con Ed executives collected during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

He ordered Con Ed to freeze the bonuses, according to his office.

Four Con Ed executives split \$614,400 in bonus pay for the challenges they handled following the storm. After the letter, Con Ed CEO Kevin Burke announced that he would return his \$315,400 bonus, the New York Post reported. **METRO**

Crime in the city

Armed thief robs Manhattan Chipotle

An armed suspect robbed a Chipotle in Manhattan and got away with \$6,000 in cash, police said.

Cops are searching for the man who entered the restaurant at 320 Park Ave. in Midtown just before midnight on April 25. The suspect pulled out a silver handgun and demanded money, cops said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS (5477).

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Gun violence

Shoot-out in Brooklyn

A shoot-out erupted in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn on Monday when a suspect opened fire on police officers, the New York Post reports.

Cops were investigating the shooting of two teens when the suspect shot at them at 10 p.m. The police officers fired back, but no one was hit. It was not clear if the suspect was caught as of yesterday.

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People line up to get gas in New York in the days after superstorm Sandy. / GETTY IMAGES

Fuel supply still unsafe after Sandy

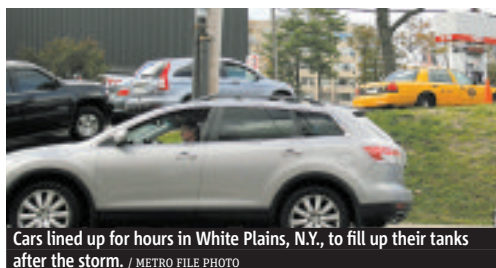
Looming threat.

Some changes have been made since the storm, but the area could be in trouble next time.

Six months after Hurricane Sandy, scattered evidence shows companies and state agencies are strengthening fuel-supply networks against future storms.

In the days following Sandy, two problems emerged with the fuel supply: flooding, which shut down refineries, and power outages, which prevented gas stations from pumping even if they had supplies available to customers.

At least a few compa-



Cars lined up for hours in White Plains, N.Y., to fill up their tanks after the storm. / METRO FILE PHOTO

Changed perspective

"Everyone knows you're supposed to go out before a storm and get food, water and gas, but it was taken for granted."

Brian Fioretti

nies are taking action. Nustar, whose fuel terminal in Linden, N.J., was shut down for days, raised the barriers around its tanks. Sandy also closed Phillips 66's Bayway refinery for a month.

New York state will now require gas stations on key routes to have wiring for an emergency power generator. Gov. Andrew Cuomo also wants to create a Strategic Fuel Reserve. **REUTERS**

Education gap. Some middle schools to get longer school days

Thousands of New York City middle-school students will have more than two hours added to their school days come this fall.

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott announced a program that will extend the school day for high-needs students at 20 middle schools.

"Improving our city's

middle schools is vital to helping close the achievement gap and putting kids on a better track toward educational success," Quinn said.

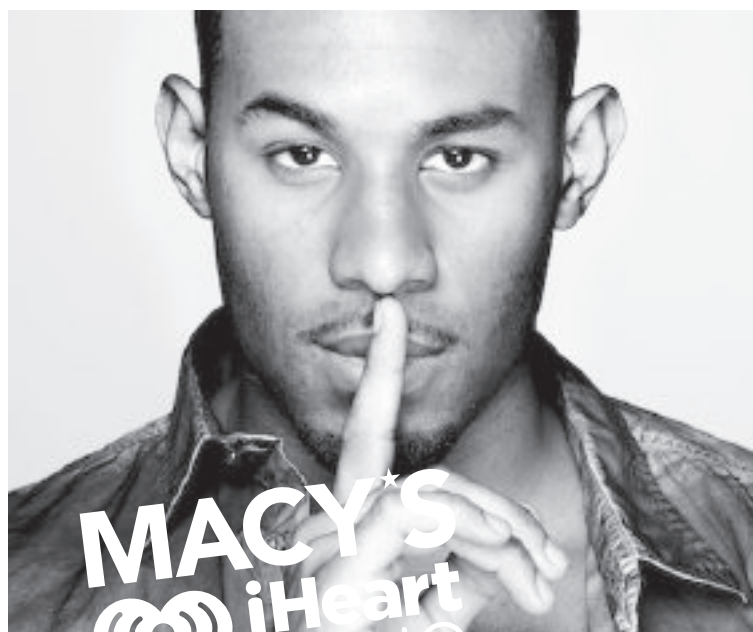
The program is part of the expansion of the Middle School Quality Initiative. Selected schools will be able to offer students an additional 12 hours per week and offer literacy-focused train-



Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott / WILLIAM ALATRISTE

ing. An estimated 2,000 students each year over the next three years will participate.

Schools will be randomly selected for the program. **LAURA SHIN**



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NYPD attacks are political, says Bloomberg

Election 2013. The mayor suggested that mayoral candidates are playing politics with public safety.

With 245 days left in office, Mayor Michael Bloomberg's safety address to NYPD brass yesterday questioned the qualifications of "some" of his potential successors.

Citing statistics, the mayor raved the police force is "under attack," saying it's "hard to believe," given an "incredible record" in public safety. For example, he said, Houston, a city a quarter of the size of New York, saw twice as many fatal

shootings by police officers in 2011.

Bloomberg speculated that NYPD criticism is motivated, "probably because this is an election year."

Public Advocate and mayoral hopeful Bill de Blasio, who has been in favor of an inspector general and a law against racial profiling, released a statement accusing the mayor of "fear-mongering."

Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who favors an inspector general but is against the bias amendment said she is "the only candidate for mayor who actually has a record on adding police officers."



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NYPD attacks

Bloomberg lashed out against critics of the NYPD.

- He pointed out that Houston, a quarter of the size of NYC, has twice as many fatal shootings.
- He said the criticism was political because of the upcoming election.
- Bloomberg is against an NYPD inspector general and a law against racial profiling, saying that it would create too many lawsuits.

Mayor Bloomberg said some mayoral candidates are scoring points by knocking the NYPD. / GETTY IMAGES

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New laws. City to host immigration reform workshops in May

Immigrants in New York City are carefully watching to see whether Congress will reform the immigration system.

Starting next month, the city will help them sort through the changes the federal government makes.

Hoping to dispel misinformation and protect immigrants from scammers, Council Speaker Christine Quinn announced a series of events.

The events will include services for immigrants, like getting taxpayer identification numbers or passports. They will also include information on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, a law that allows some immigrants older than 15 to apply to live here legally.

Consulates from varied countries will be available to help provide passports and identification help.

These events will be of-

Quoted

"We're very excited about the changes happening at the national level on immigration reform, and we want to make sure we as a city are prepared and that our immigrants know their rights and know where to go to for help."

Christine Quinn

ferred in all five boroughs, with the first happening May 10 to 12 at Renaissance Charter School in Jackson Heights, where representatives from the Mexican Consulate will attend.

The New York Immigration Coalition will post future events on its website. **ALISON BOWEN**



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Autobiography. Book by Gov. Andrew Cuomo coming in 2014

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, considered a possible Democratic contender for the presidency in 2016, has signed a deal to write a biography that publisher HarperCollins said would be a "full and frank" look at his life.

The publisher said it has acquired world rights to the as-yet-untitled book, which it expects to hit shelves in 2014.

The book will cover Cuomo's years growing up in Queens, New York, his tenure as secretary of housing and urban development under President Bill Clinton and his election to the state's top office in 2010.

Cuomo's father, Mario, also served as governor of New York.

Cuomo, 55, was married to Kerry Kennedy, a daughter of Robert F. Kennedy, for more than a decade until their divorce in 2005. He lives

In the book

The book will cover growing up in Queens.

- His tenure as secretary of housing under President Bill Clinton
- His years as attorney general of New York
- His first term as governor

with his girlfriend, Food Network host Sandra Lee, in Westchester.

The book will also cover his four years as New York's attorney general before becoming the state's 56th governor.

Cuomo will discuss several major events, "from signing same-sex marriage legislation to the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. **REUTERS**

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Military. Obama signals deliberate approach in Syria

President Barack Obama cautioned against a rush to judgment on whether Syria used chemical weapons against its own people yesterday in a sign he is going to take a deliberate approach to a problem that could lead to U.S. military action.

At a White House news conference, Obama said there is evidence chemical weapons were used inside Syria but "we don't know how they were used, when they were used, who used them" and "we don't have a chain of custody that establishes what exactly happened."

Obama said the Defense Department already has prepared options that might be available, which he declined to describe, in response to what would clearly be an "escalation" and a "threat to the security of the international

Slow to react

Obama is leery about launching military action against Syria without firm evidence, given that his predecessor, George W. Bush, began the Iraq War over claims of weapons of mass destruction that turned out to be untrue.

community, our allies and the United States."

He said it will take time to conclusively render a judgment on whether a U.S. "red line" against the use of chemical weapons by Syria was crossed, insisting that "I've got to make sure I've got the facts."

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Obama vows new push to close Guantanamo

Prisoners.

Hunger strikes have occurred at Guantanamo since shortly after the US began detaining suspected al Qaeda and Taliban captives in January 2002.

President Barack Obama vowed yesterday to make a new push to close the Guantanamo detention center, where about 100 inmates are on hunger strike, saying it was damaging to U.S. interests to keep holding prisoners there in legal limbo.

Human-rights groups have long been critical of the 12-year-old camp for foreign terrorism suspects,



Former President George W. Bush opened Guantanamo to hold foreign terrorism suspects captured overseas after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. / GETTY IMAGES

and their concern has intensified in recent weeks. Some of those on hunger strike are being force-fed at the camp at the U.S. Naval Base in Cuba.

Obama, who repeatedly vowed to close the camp, which now holds 166 de-

tainees, when he was campaigning for a first term and when he first took office in 2009, said he would re-engage with lawmakers to find a way to shut the facility and make good on an unkept promise.

However, he offered no

new path to overcoming congressional, political and legal obstacles that blocked his earlier efforts to close Guantanamo, where many of the prisoners have been held for more than a decade without being tried or charged. REUTERS



The scene depicts a powerful car-bomb explosion near the headquarters of Syria's ruling Baath party in the center of Damascus on Feb. 21, 2013. / GETTY IMAGES

Presidential trip

Obama says economics, security to be themes in Mexico visit

President Barack Obama said a trip to Mexico this week will center on economic issues such as trade

and energy but security issues will not be far behind.

"A lot of the focus is going to be on economics," Obama said during a news conference. "We've spent so much time on security issues between the United States and Mexico that sometimes I think we forget this is a massive trading partner, respon-



President Obama / GETTY IMAGES

sible for huge amounts of commerce and huge numbers of jobs"

Obama is due to visit Mexico tomorrow, holding meetings and having dinner with President Enrique Pena Nieto. He will also travel to Costa Rica and meet with Central American presidents.

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Votes. Retired Justice O'Connor casts doubt on Bush v. Gore ruling

Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has voiced some regret about the court's intervention in the hotly contested 2000 presidential election that went to Republican George W. Bush over Democrat Al Gore.

O'Connor, 83, told the Chicago Tribune's editorial board that the high court "probably added to the problem" by taking up

the case over a disputed Florida recount, which the high court in Florida had allowed to go ahead at Gore's request.

The Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling, with O'Connor in the majority, ended the recount and led to Bush's election victory. O'Connor, appointed to the court by Republican President Ronald Reagan in 1981, retired in 2006. **REUTERS**

Investors

Ride service Uber raising cash at \$1B valuation

Ride-sharing service Uber is raising a new funding round at a valuation of \$1 billion, according to a person familiar with the

situation.

If Uber succeeds, it will join an elite group of start-ups that command 10-figure valuations. The situation underscores investors' desire to pay premiums for a company they think might become an outsized success story.

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Pretrial self-defense waived in Trayvon Martin shooting



George Zimmerman is sworn in for testimony in Seminole circuit court, in Sanford, Fla., during a pretrial hearing. / GETTY IMAGES

Case. The judge opened the hearing by warning attorneys about a mounting climate of acrimony.

George Zimmerman told a court in Florida he would wait until his June trial to argue that he acted in self-defense when he shot and killed unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin.

Prosecutors say Zimmerman, 29, profiled and confronted the 17-year-old Martin before shooting him in a gated community in Sanford, Fla., in February 2012, despite a police dispatcher instructing him not to give chase.

Prosecutors argued that if Zimmerman were to claim immunity under Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law — which bars

prosecution of someone who uses lethal force when in fear for their life rather than opting to retreat — this would have to be done before the start of his second-degree murder trial on June 10.

At yesterday's hearing, Zimmerman waived his right to a pretrial hearing to address the issue of immunity, and Defense Attorney Mark O'Mara said he could still file a standard motion for acquittal on grounds of self-defense after the evidence is presented at trial and before the case goes to a jury.

Judge Debra Nelson questioned Zimmerman as to whether he understood his lawyers' decision not to raise the issue now.

"Is it your decision not to have a pretrial immunity hearing?" she asked Zimmerman.

"Yes," he replied after consulting with his lawyers. **REUTERS**

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Blinking back tears, former Queen Beatrix stepped out onto the balcony of the Royal Palace and presented her son to the crowds of cheering well-wishers. / REUTERS

Former Queen Beatrix passes crown to son

Crowds. An estimated 25,000 people in Dam Square gathered to watch the abdication and inauguration broadcast live.

Willem-Alexander became the first king of the Netherlands since 1890 yesterday, ascending a throne largely stripped of political power but still invested with enormous symbolic significance for the Dutch people.

At his investiture in Amsterdam's 600-year-old Nieuwe Kerk, or New Church, the 46-year-old monarch swore an oath to uphold the Dutch constitution and stressed the

need for unity at a time of economic crisis.

"I take office in a period when many in the kingdom feel vulnerable or uncertain. Vulnerable in their job or in their health, uncertain about their income or their immediate environment," Willem-Alexander said at his inauguration, attended by crown princes and princesses and other dignitaries.

"We can no longer take it for granted that children will be better off than their parents. ... Our strength is

therefore not in isolation, but by cooperating."

Willem-Alexander — who is a water management specialist, a useful expertise in a country where much of the land is below sea level — and his wife Maxima, a former investment banker from Argentina, are expected to bring a less formal touch to the monarchy at a time of national austerity and budget cuts.

Queen's Day has always been an occasion for partying in the Netherlands, and Amsterdam has been awash with orange for days.

Houses were covered in bunting and flags, and shop windows were stuffed with orange cakes, sweets, clothes and flowers. REUTERS

Ceremonies

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Ten F-16 fighter jets flew overhead, streaming red, white and blue smoke.

European Union

Cyprus bailout scrapes through island's parliament

Cyprus's parliament approved an EU bailout yesterday that will force it to wind down its second-largest bank and impose heavy losses on uninsured depositors at another, conditions that have intensified calls from islanders to exit the euro. REUTERS

Survey. Many in Muslim world want sharia as law of land

Large majorities in the Muslim world want the Islamic legal and moral code of sharia as the official law in their countries, but they disagree on what it includes and who should be subject to it, an extensive new survey says.

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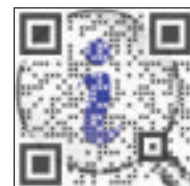
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Today, Patton Oswalt is getting a sneak peek, Rashida Jones is not enjoying British television, Alec Baldwin has opinions and Steve Martin is a man of impeccable taste.

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@SteveMartinToGo: I have yet to meet a kind, witty, interesting, attractive, rich person I didn't like.

Did Sofia Vergara hire a surrogate?

In June's *Cosmopolitan*, Sofia Vergara chats about plans for possibly starting a family with fiancé Nick Loeb. Rumors have been swirling that the "Modern Family" actress and Loeb are currently hiring a surrogate. But Vergara says that myth stems from the fact that she froze her eggs. "I had to go to my doctor's office a hundred million times to do injections. The [rumor] probably came from that," the 40-year-old says. "My doctor had told me 'We have a small window.' I said, 'That's so rude!' I already have a kid, so I never thought I would need to do that. But I will have to use a surrogate, because I had thyroid cancer and lots of radiation. I don't want to wait forever, but not yet, because I'm working like an animal."

Vergara knows now is the time to work her butt off. "I've never had a plan for anything. I know I'm not going to get any more shows like 'Modern Family.' If it ends in five years, it would be great to do movies and focus on things like my Kmart line. Maybe have a kid. But I am going



to be working my whole life. I love making money. I really love it!"

But even though a baby might be on the horizon, a giant wedding for the two divorcees definitely isn't. "He was already married with a big wedding and I was already married with a big wedding, so we're going to do something, but not right now," she says. "When he proposed, it was my birthday, and I'd flown more than 100 family and friends to Mexico for six days of partying. It took me forever to arrange the logistics! If I had known I was going to get engaged, I don't do this stupid birthday."

Zeta-Jones checks back into rehab

Catherine Zeta-Jones has again checked herself into a treatment facility to deal with her bipolar disorder, her rep confirms in a statement. "Catherine has proactively checked into a health care facility," the state-

ment reads. "Previously, Catherine has said that she is committed to periodic care in order to manage her health in an optimum manner." Jones completed a stint at a treatment center in 2011 for the disorder.



THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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Perry: No loose lips here

Matthew Perry wants to make it clear he was not behind the latest rumor of a "Friends" reunion, despite Jennifer Aniston jokingly naming him the prime suspect. "I was the first one to nix it," Perry insists to *E!* News.

But that doesn't mean he thinks a reunion is a bad idea — it's just not the right time yet. "I think what we do is a show called 'Old Friends,' and it's on a park bench and when we're in our 80s," he offers.



Moore and Willis patch up over downward dog

Following months of apparent estrangement, Demi Moore and daughter Rumer Willis seem to be reconnecting, and all it took was some yoga. The pair was spotted, along with a few friends, attending a yoga class in West Hollywood together this past weekend, according to *Us Weekly*. "They all did the class together, and after the 90 minutes they walked out as a group," a source says. "Demi and Rumer seemed very close, like they had been in the past." Things have reportedly been tense between Demi and her daughters — including Rumer's sisters, Scout and Tallulah — since her split from Ashton Kutcher in late 2011 and hospitalization and rehab stay.

'Kinky Boots' tops Tony nominations

When the Tony Award nominations were announced yesterday, there were a lot of echoes of 1980s celebrity. Cyndi Lauper, who wrote the score for the musical, "Kinky Boots" earned the most nominations with 13, while elsewhere Tom Hanks was nominated for Best Actor in a Play, for his Broadway debut in "Lucky Guy," the Nora Ephron play that received six nominations. In non-1980s nominations, the British play "Matilda" received 12 nominations and the Broadway revival of "Pippin" received 10.



"Pippin" received 10 nominations. / METRO PHOTO ARCHIVE

Zach Braff has made a name for himself by playing JD in "Scrubs" and penning and directing the indie hit "Garden State." But for his latest project, he's gone directly to the people. Hoping to keep final cut on "Wish I Was Here," a film he co-wrote with his brother, Braff started a Kickstarter appeal to raise funds for the movie. While the project hit the \$2 million goal in four days, some critics have angrily pointed out that well-known names like Braff shouldn't be going to the crowds to get money for their projects. We talked to him about the film and its backlash.

Congrats on reaching \$2 million-plus. How does it feel?

Amazing! I feel so grateful to my own fans who rallied around us. We never knew what was going to happen and we gave ourselves one month to let it happen, and then to reach the goal in four days is beyond anyone's expectations.

What kind of movie are you going to give Kickstarter funders?

It's a story of a family

who's struggling to get by in the valley of Los Angeles and trying to make ends meet and raise their kids. ... It's in the tone of "Garden State" and "Scrubs," so it's the perfect thing for people who like what I do.

man. There's not a Natalie Portman in regards of that role, if that's what you're asking.

You've had a ton of supporters, but there's also people who weren't as

to read stuff on the Web that is so misinformed, but I think it started a giant conversation which we're probably due to have because anyone who doesn't think that this is a way artists are going to reach their

ZACH BRAFF

The actor discusses the Kickstarter drama. / MICHELLE CASTILLO, MWN

'I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE DEFINITELY GOT THEIR PANTIES IN A BUNCH.'

Does it exist in the same universe as "Garden State," with all those manic pixie dream girls running around?

I never really got that expression! I guess people were taking a dig at the character of Natalie Port-

supportive of the project. Do you feel you're on the defensive more than you expected?

I think a lot of people definitely got their panties in a bunch. They definitely don't know all the facts. It is frustrating at times

fan base [isn't] keeping up with what's happening. To me, this was the next logical step. The day we launched this campaign was by far the most traffic Kickstarter has ever had. ... I think it's only positive for everyone.



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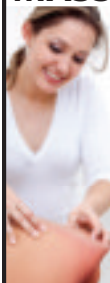


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Afrika Bambaataa is hip-hop

Music. The Zulu Nation leader talks rap music's origins.

It is not an understatement to say that without Afrika Bambaataa there would be no hip-hop. The New York City DJ literally coined the phrase that led to the name for this genre of music. But even though he is a legend, Bam is nothing if not humble: He gives credit to the community for building the culture.

"It came out of lyrics by Luv Starski and Keith Cowboy," he says. "We were on stage, I was DJing. I said, 'This is hip-hop. It's hip and it makes you hop.'"

From hip-hop's start in the 1970s-era Bronx, Bambaataa was an instrumental figure at the birth of the culture that included rap, DJing, break dancing and graffiti art. But he has continued to evolve artistically and intellectually.

"I've been an honor-

able scholar at Cornell for the past three years," he says. "We were there this month speaking, doing a Q&A with Zulu Nation. We performed at night; during the day there was a panel. ... Cornell is becoming a leader in archiving hip-hop and stepped up when New York City didn't. ... People came to see the Cornell display: records, Soulsonic costumes, documents. Hip-hop sitting next to the Gettysburg Address."

It's about time that somebody archived Afrika Bambaataa, as this year marks the 40th anniversary of the Zulu Nation family, formed in 1973.

"Clubs were more progressive, partying for the people," says Bambaataa about the scene back then. "The politicians and drugs destroyed it. On the dance floor, people could enjoy all types of music, dancing to salsa, techno, rock, jazz."

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Here's to you, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club

Music. Robert Levon Been and company salute the passing of a mentor with their new album.

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club's Robert Levon Been isn't about to say that making his band's new record was particularly difficult. But, the California trio's sixth record, "Specter at the Feast," followed the abrupt death of Been's father, Michael, the band's sound engineer, who fronted 1980s pop band The Call.

"Any album that's worth a s— is difficult to make," Been says. "There were lots of different things that made this difficult. After the last tour, we were exhausted, and my father's passing at the end of the tour meant there was a mourning process to go through. Things are always difficult when you're caught in the eye of the storm."

Taking its name from a quote in "Macbeth," "Specter at the Feast" finds co-frontman/bassist Been and his bandmates — guitarist and co-singer Peter Hayes and drummer Leah Shapiro — losing themselves in shoe-gazey psychedelia,

barreling heavy rock and occasional quieter songs like the doleful album closer, "Lose Yourself." In the middle of it all is an anthemic cover of The Call's "Let the Day Begin."

"That song found its way onto the album somehow," Been says. "It wasn't planned, but it felt right to remember all the love and help my father gave us. It's always difficult covering someone's song. You want to be respectful but also put your fingerprint on it. We turned that song inside-out. We knew a ballad was not what we needed. We needed a song that felt like it was about standing back up and moving forward."



Black Rebel Motorcycle Club didn't originally plan to cover The Call on "Specter at the Feast." PROVIDED

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One song BRMC recorded during the "Specter" sessions wasn't for the album: "Heaven and All" was written for "Sound City," Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl's doc about the Neve recording console behind legendary albums like Nirvana's "Nevermind."

"It seemed like a good idea," Been says

of contributing a song. "But then we walk in and there's Dave Grohl standing there, and Butch Vig's standing there, and there's all these cameras. We definitely felt the pressure."

The console, which they used for "Specter," was used for BRMC's 2001 debut, too: "I don't get emotional about gear, but it felt good to have that console back."

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Penn Badgley and Imogen Poots star in "Greetings from Tim Buckley." / CONTRIBUTED

Imogen Poots: A Brit on our own American idol

Film. The British actress was a big Jeff Buckley fan before she took a role rooted in the singer's life.

In "Greetings from Tim Buckley," British actress Imogen Poots plays a fictional character who makes musical history, helping struggling Jeff Buckley (Penn Badgley) to find his voice and come to terms with his absent folk-singer father, Tim, in time for a tribute concert to Tim that served as Jeff's emergence onto the music scene in his own right. It's no small task. But then, she loves a challenge.

How much history of the Buckleys' situation do you

need to know going into this film?

I don't think you need much knowledge at all. That's the beauty of the film; it really takes you to a very human place. They're both musicians, and so you're kind of understanding music from a homegrown foundation rather than doing it with expectations, if that makes sense. I didn't really know much about Tim even going into the project, so that in itself was an education. But I think that's the beauty of it, is that it's very loose.

How much of a fan of Jeff Buckley were you already?

I was a huge Jeff Buckley fan. I mean, I love the Smiths as well. They were a really important band for me growing up. It was really that period at the end

of the '80s and then the '90s, music that I adore.

You two have a great scene browsing through a record store, discussing different eras of music.

Even that moment, taking place in 1992, which really wasn't that long ago, but I think the film really presents it as another era, which in a sense it was. Even the record store and the whole ritual of going there just to kind of browse, I think, is a special moment in the film. And it's also almost like an accessory to a city's culture, whether it's London or L.A. or New York. It's not really a necessity, it's more of just, "Oh yeah, we'll just go and look through some stuff." It's a really beautiful place, actually, that location. I was saying to Dan, our director, I was like, "I really want to just take

two months and just work here." It must be a really fascinating place to base yourself, you know?

I'm sure they'd be happy to have you.

[Laughs] I'll just turn up and demand a job and see what they do.

How daunting was your a capella singing scene?

You mean the one that's outside? We just decided to do that a couple of days before. It was just kind of a spur-of-the-moment thing. I didn't ever think she was going to sing, but I thought it was just important to do something very vulnerable, and in a sense I think the beauty of the film is that there isn't that much dialogue.



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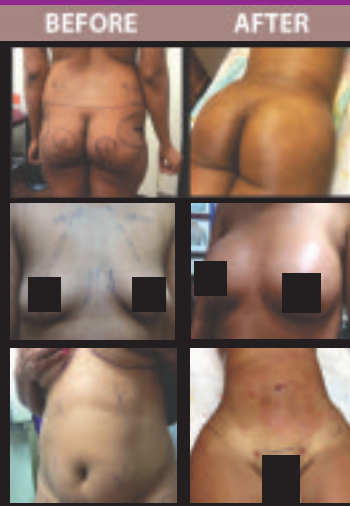
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Searching for Bin Laden: The movies didn't get it all right

Interview. "Not all of it is that sexy," says former CIA analyst Nada Bakos, who stars in a new HBO documentary.

Nada Bakos was reluctant to contribute to "Manhunt: The Search for Bin Laden," a documentary airing tonight on HBO. A CIA analyst who spearheaded the search for Abu Musab al-Zarqawi from 2004 until his 2006 assassination, she had to be convinced by director Greg Barker that it would be, among other things, "politically agnostic."

Not that viewers can't come away with their own complicated feelings from the film's revelations,

made by her and many other seasoned analysts. "It leaves the audience free to judge the material however they see fit," she says, "instead of telling them what they should and should not believe."

"Manhunt" is also a portrait of how intel work functions, as opposed to how movies have classically shown it. "I think it's hard to portray what intelligence work looks like," Bakos admits. "It's akin to how everybody thinks law enforcement works. It always looks more like Sherlock Holmes."

It's inevitable that "Zero Dark Thirty" comparisons come up. In January, Bakos wrote a critique of the film for Pacific Standard, lumping it in with the rest of Hollywood fare, dwelling on how it follows one character (Jessica Chastain's



The documentary "Manhunt" portrays the search for Osama bin Laden. It airs tonight at 8 p.m. on HBO. / HBO

Quoted

"It leaves the audience free to judge the material however they see fit."

Bakos

Maya) rather than groups. But it wasn't all wrong. "The level of intensity of sitting on the edge of your seat and constantly having to be on — I think it portrayed that quite well," she confesses. "They get some of it right. Not all of it is

that sexy."

Bakos says that even when she first got the job she was not prepared for how difficult it would be. "I had never been in a crisis mode, being in a constant, 24/7 state of memorizing phone numbers associated

with names," she says. "You used a computer but also stored a lot in your head. Your personal life definitely takes a backseat."



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TV watch list

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'Best Ink'

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DRAMA

'Mythbusters'

This season kicks off with an experiment to see whether rocket-launched cars can really fly. And here we've been driving on land like nincompoops? 9 P.M., DISCOVERY

REALITY

'The Big Brain Theory'



The Mythbusters take a closer look at car engines and lasagna with guest Alton Brown. / DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Kal Penn hosts this search for the next great mind in innovation and tech.

Is anyone else reeling from his transition from "Harold & Kumar" to

education advocacy? SERIES PREMIERE, 10 P.M., DISCOVERY

COMEDY

'Family Tools'

We suspect that "Home Improvement"'s biggest fan devised this new comedy, about a son taking over his dad's tool business. PILOT, 8:30 P.M., ABC

REALITY

'Forever Young'

This reality house is split between seniors and 20-somethings. In the last episode of the season, they go to Vegas. We will be disappointed if the trip is not as wild as we hope. SEASON FINALE, 10 P.M., TV LAND. NATALIE SHURE

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Sandy wreaks havoc on New Jersey's summer rental season

Real estate.

Vacation homes on the Jersey Shore are suffering as a result of the hurricane.

Hurricane Sandy may have hit in October, but the property damage it left in its wake is still wreaking havoc on the New Jersey coastline, especially when it comes to the upcoming summer rental season.

Typically, by April, about half of those looking for summer Jersey Shore rentals have already

signed leases, brokers say. But this year's crop of rentals is much smaller, due to the large number of homes damaged by the storm. In hard-hit towns struggling to rebuild their beaches and boardwalks, brokers say demand has waned and owners are dropping prices.

"There has been a significant impact on the rental inventory" as a result of Sandy, says Mary Cericola, an agent at Crossroads Realty in Lavallette.

Overall inventory of Jersey Shore rental homes is down about 20 percent this year, estimates Chris Kirk, founder of the online

rental exchange Shore-SummerRentals.com. The shortage is especially acute in northern Ocean County, from Seaside Park up to Point Pleasant Beach, he says.

Owners renting out their homes in these hard-hit towns have dropped their asking rents by about 25 percent from last year's levels, he says.

Some renters are avoiding the Jersey Shore this summer, choosing instead to rent in areas like the Hamptons.

In the face of these challenges, owners "know [their] best bet is to just get [their home] rented



Homes weren't the only part of the Jersey Shore damaged by Sandy. / THE REAL DEAL

Rentals

Going rate

When it comes to rates, Cericola says, right now along the strip from Sea-

side Park to Point Pleasant Beach, oceanfront homes are asking \$4,200 to \$15,000 per week for summertime rentals.

Non-beachfront houses are asking from \$2,300 to \$5,000 per week depending on the number of bedrooms, she says.

for the season," says Susan O'Brien, an agent at Diane Turton Realtors in Sea Girt. But even with the lower prices, many properties have yet to be claimed, Kirk says, though he's hoping to see a boost later this spring.

"A lot of people are hesitant to go down the shore," he says. "I think they fear

their vacation is going to be hindered. But they'll come down once they see it's up and running."

Crossroads' Cericola, too, is hoping things will improve as summer draws closer, especially since many towns are working around the clock.

"We anticipated a late start due to the storm," she

says, adding: "Everyone is working tirelessly to prepare for our summer season." **ANDREW KLAPPHOLZ**

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Fortunately, Downey Jr. was almost ready to go for his third stint as Tony Stark in the new film opening Friday. "He'd recently finished filming 'The Avengers,' so he was in good shape," Bose says. "But holding on to that muscle mass and definition for long periods of time isn't easy. He had to get 're-buff.' We were doing two-hour sessions, three to four days a week. By the time we were done, he'd gained five pounds of muscle and trimmed 10 pounds of fat."



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Robert Downey Jr. is back as Tony Stark in "Iron Man 3," opening Friday. / ZADE ROSENTHAL

The Robert Downey Jr. workout

How he got there

"Robert's cardio was never an issue," Bose tells Metro. "A lot of people don't want to talk about it, but the truth is, he's 48. He's above the curve when it comes to being a fit individual, but this is a young man's training he's doing."

In order to gain

muscle bulk, Downey Jr. spent the first month doing traditional weight training: push-ups, bench presses, etc. Once he and Bose were satisfied with his mass, they moved on to functional performance training, a technique that engages all muscle groups simultaneously: "FPT isn't just for aesthetics," says Bose. "All the exercises are

designed to get you muscular through strength. As opposed to body building, where you're working one muscle group in isolation, FPT gets as many muscles and as many planes of movement engaged at any one time (as possible)," he explains.

The logic behind the moves is this: "The body functions as a unit. Every

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On his day off

"Robert is constantly doing something. But in order to spend time with his wife, he does a lot of Tracy Anderson cardio classes. And he's a brown belt in kung fu, so on the opposite days that he's not working with me, he's sparring with his coach, Eric Oram." Bose

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Bandbell bench press

3 sets of 8-12 reps

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Move 3

Sandbag power throws

3 sets of 12-15

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Squat down and grab the handles. Be sure to keep your abs tight. The first motion from here is to press up with the legs moving from a squat position (use your legs, not your lower back) to a position where the bag is hanging at your waist and your legs are extended.

Now flip the bag up to rest on your chest (like you would on a clean and jerk).

Finally, push the bag in a throwing motion, releasing the bag. Quickly get to the bag and repeat this. If you throw

with an upward motion you work more of your shoulders, while an outward motion works more of your chest.

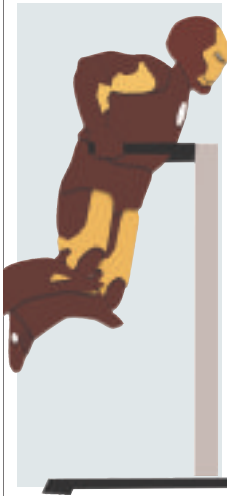


Move 2

Dips

3 sets of 8-12 reps

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Coming up with basic adjectives, such as soft or romantic, will help you figure out the feel of your wedding, says Ara Farnam. / ALLAN ZEPEDA

Tip: Get wordy

"I ask people to give me a few adjectives to describe the feel of their wedding. That helps me get in their head to see what they're thinking overall. Really basic adjectives — soft, romantic, sophisticated, quirky, whimsical, casual. I think that's a good idea for any couple. [It makes them think,] 'What do I want to have?' It helps [them] start to picture what it is that they want."

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Tips to make your big day shine

Tips. We asked seven insiders from all parts of the wedding planning process for their No. 1 piece of advice.

Planning a wedding means juggling tasks and managing things down to the smallest details. To help you pull off the biggest party you'll ever throw, we asked various experts — from a caterer to a makeup artist — for some of their best tips. As for cutting that guest list, you're on your own.

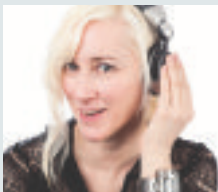
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Talk about your taste

"Beware of a DJ who knows what they're going to play for you before you even talk to them. Even if the music is popular, it's not a good sign if the DJ doesn't want to communicate with you, and that means they won't bring those



moments that make a wedding really special." **JULIE COVELLO, AKA DJ SHAKEY**
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same care and attention that you're putting into the flowers, the food and the music. You want your guests to also have all the information they need, not just place and time, but directions, appropriate attire, additional activities and so on, so that the invitation also makes everything easy and informative."

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If you're on a budget,

"make sure you find a caterer that is creative and happy to make the numbers work for you. I have been doing a lot of upscale weddings where we do high-end appetizers to start, and then we have a fun barbecue for the main dinner." **KATE ECONOMIDES, TASTY PLATES CATERING**
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Personal trainer

"Planning a wedding can be a triple-decker stress sandwich with all the fixings. At least once a

week, schedule a workout session as a couple with one major ground rule: no wedding talk. Hit up your favorite class, go for a bike ride in the park, book a joint session with a trainer. Whatever it is, it'll bring you closer while getting you all sorts of sexy. Bring on the honeymoon!" **ADAM ROSANTE, CELEBRITY FITNESS TRAINER AND CREATOR OF THE PEOPLE'S BOOTCAMP, WWW.THEPEOPLESBOOTCAMP.COM**

Makeup artist

"First and foremost, find an artist who will give you that timeless look. Trendy makeup styles may not hold up in pictures over time. And when deciding on an artist, remember to think of lighting. If you go to a mall, the lighting will be totally different inside than outside. It is worth the money to invest in an artist who can come to you and check your makeup in all kinds of lighting." **KIM POUTRE, OWNER, SPECIAL EVENT BEAUTY**
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Dressmaker

Don't bring everyone

"Make your first visit to the dressmaker on your own or with one of your very close friends or relatives. Having too many opinions often becomes overwhelming, as peoples' opinions often focus on what they like for themselves. The process is far more effective

when we can really focus on what works best for you. It is of utmost importance that [you and the dressmaker] have time to explore your personality and style. Once the process is narrowed down to two dresses, then you can have fun with a larger group for a final thumbs up." **ANGELO LAMBROU, DRESS DESIGNER**
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'13 wedding trends

Trend report. For the latest and greatest in the bridal world, we turn to Abby Larson of Style Me Pretty.

Abby Larson, founder and editor of StyleMePretty.com and author of "Style Me Pretty Weddings," is the authority on all things beautiful in the bridal world. Her site posts about 75 gorgeous, modern, real weddings a week — the kind of artfully crafted affairs that'll inspire you to start a "Barnyard Nuptials" board on Pinterest even though you've been married for years. So, naturally, we turned to Larson to get the scoop on what's popular at the most celebratory of celebrations these days — besides the open bar, of course.



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Trend

Fun prints

"People are using a lot of prints right now. In tablescapes ikat is really popular. Chevron is still very popular. They're doing table runners with a great pop of print, bridesmaids dresses that have a soft floral background or piping in a different color. It's funny, two or three years ago you never would

have seen a strong print incorporated into wedding design. I love it from a branding perspective because now rather than using a monogram, or two colors that are really strong, you can actually take that print and put it in the lining of your invitation envelopes and on the base of one of your cake tiers. You can really incorporate it and create a wedding brand."



Ikat is popular in tablescapes.
CARRIE PATTERSON



Ivory takes a backseat to color and print.
ELIZABETH MESSINA

Ombre: Still going strong

"Some of the trends from 2012, such as watercolors and ombre, are really holding strong, which is surprising, but I think it's because they are just so beautiful that brides can't really let go. The great thing about the ombre trend is that weddings aren't so matchy-matchy anymore. There are different hues and different textures and layers and people are kind of approaching wedding design as they would wardrobe design and home decor. It's not all solid pink and navy blue, it's a spectrum of pinks and a spectrum of blues that really come together to feel much more thoughtful. And [incorporating ombre] makes things easier because you're not on the hunt for this perfect thing."



Floral design goes low.
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Romantic and loose floral design

"Really lush, over-the-top tall arrangements, which just screamed expensive, are becoming a lot more approachable. People are

doing centerpieces that you might see on a dining room table as opposed to at a fancy hotel. The flowers and arrangements themselves are becoming lower, they're a little bit more organic and loose. Things aren't so tightly packed and monochromatic. They've kind of got this organic French vibe going — a really sophisticated, chic, from-the-garden feel."

Details make the day

"Cute details that make something ordinary feel special are going to continue to be very strong, whether that's in presentation, favors, gift bags — those little extra touches that take a wedding from an ordinary night to something really special." Larson

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"That means if you have basic brown chairs, you can drape crepe streamers from the back of them in kind of an ombre fashion and get a really striking result. If you have a little more budget, you can use ribbons. It's just a beautiful way to gussy up something that's standard."

Personalize

"If you can only afford to have the stuff the hotel provides, scour flea markets and garage sales for a really cute array of mismatched dessert plates and layer them on top of those white rentals. Taking something basic and gussying it up is a really easy way to stay within budget but still have something that feels very bespoke and original."

Value meal

"We don't have to serve filet and lobster for wedding dinners. Serve chicken and do it in a really fun and fanciful way. Maybe it's a Mediterranean theme with roasted chicken and vegetables and something really beautiful, but it's more inexpensive cuts. Another thing you can do is just skip the open bar entirely and have one signature cocktail."



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The first time Mario set his hefty foot atop a hapless Goomba, the 2-D sidescroller was born. With each passing generation, game designers find new and innovative ways to keep the genre alive.

Here are reviews of two brand new sidescrollers that merge the best parts of the last 30 years.

'Terraria'

Company: 505 Games

System: PS3/Xbox/PC

Grade: ★★★★★

Unless you've been hiding under an Internet-

disabled rock, you have no doubt heard of indie darling "Minecraft." That game's mix of action and literal world-building has made its creator one of the richest and most influential men in gaming. "Terraria" takes the randomized, build-anything-you-want tomfoolery of "Minecraft" and makes it 2-D. Yeah. It's as good as it sounds.

"Terraria" is more a brutal, life-changing addiction than a video game (in a good way). Once you enter your randomized world, you'll be able to explore every nook and cranny. Plus,



The art style of "Guacamelee!" evokes Mexico's Day of the Dead. / DRINKBOX STUDIOS

there is plenty of treasure to find and enemies to fight.

'Guacamelee!'

Company: Drinkbox Studios

System: PS3/Vita

Grade: ★★★★★

This game technically falls into a category called "Metroidvania," meaning that it owes great allegiance to both "Metroid" and "Castlevania." This means an open world to explore, with plenty of sidescrolling action.

Exploration is rewarded with new moves and abilities, which in turn let you explore new areas to find even more stuff. The perfect addictive cycle!

The hook with "Guacamelee!" is the world, which is set in Mexico and loosely

based on the customs surrounding the Day of the Dead. It's colorful, laugh-out-loud funny and controls well. One caveat: The platforming in this title can be brutal. You may have to channel your 9-year-old self to beat some of the more difficult parts.



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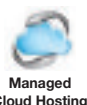
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Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Don't take on more tasks than you can comfortably manage. Your overall performance will suffer if you're overburdened.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Though there will be situations in which you'll need to take risks, there will also be times when you'll need to be conservative. Know the difference.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. A close friend might get hurt if you fail to return the warmth and consideration that this person has shown you in the past.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Self-doubt is likely to be your worst enemy, so you need to figure out how to deal with it. If you don't, you'll lose momentum.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Your financial trends will be mixed. Though you may gain in some instances, you could suffer an unexpected loss.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Although you have excellent leadership qualities, you may not be using them enough.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Because you'll tend to hear and see only what you want to, you could be cruising for a bruising. Be attentive and conscientious.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20. Treat your friends in your usual considerate manner, but don't let anyone walk all over you.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb.

18. In order to achieve an important objective, you must stay focused on your target at all times. If you deviate, you are likely to be thrown off course.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Although your judgment is likely at its soundest, you might allow lesser heads to rule the day. Don't doubt your instincts.

Aries | March 21 - April 20. By working in fits and starts, you minimize your effectiveness and productivity.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Crossword

Across

- 1 Rascal
- 6 Kiosk lit.
- 10 Senseless
- 14 Mongol invader
- 15 "— La Douce"
- 16 Culture medium
- 17 Love in a gondola
- 18 Stead
- 19 Wear the crown
- 20 Offhand
- 22 Become conscious
- 23 Important decades
- 24 Prefix for "center"
- 26 Insurance worker
- 30 Fanlight
- 34 Electrical problem
- 35 Bilks
- 36 "Bali —"
- 37 Ache for
- 38 Brown in butter
- 40 Grooves
- 41 Motel amenity
- 42 Term paper abbr. (2 wds.)
- 43 Moss and Jackson
- 44 Reindeer
- 46 Sights to enjoy
- 48 U.K. network
- 49 " Fargo" director
- 50 Vaudeville prop
- 53 Chili ingredient (2 wds.)
- 59 PC system
- 60 Mr. Dithers' wife

- 61 Texas tourist site
- 62 Two-wheeler
- 63 Oodles (2 wds.)
- 64 Cathedral parts
- 65 Stein fillers
- 66 "— Lama Ding Dong"
- 67 Kipling tiger — Khan

Down

- 1 Sax man — Getz
- 2 Hunter's wear
- 3 Like — — of bricks
- 4 Wine-press residue
- 5 Cookbook word
- 6 Edna St. Vincent —
- 7 Tunes for divas
- 8 Feds (hyph.)
- 9 White wine
- 10 "Beagle" passenger
- 11 Water, to Pedro
- 12 "Columbo" star
- 13 Forest part
- 21 Timetable abbr.
- 25 Faux —
- 26 Tomato jelly
- 27 Girl from Baja
- 28 Copier need
- 29 Suffix for "forfeit"
- 30 Sandbox enjoyer
- 31 "On the Beach" novelist
- 32 Cowboy flick

- 33 Young lady's address
- 35 — — de-sac
- 38 Racing vehicle
- 39 Track-meet org.
- 40 Fled
- 42 Recede
- 43 Nairobi natives
- 45 Mountain goats
- 46 Beethoven's "Moonlight —"
- 47 Decent grade
- 49 Data disk (hyph.)
- 50 Havana's island
- 51 Indigo plant
- 52 Reebok rival
- 54 Town east of Wichita
- 55 Humdrum
- 56 Gutter site
- 57 From the U.S.
- 58 Beak

Yesterday's answer



Letters

Solutions to college debt

There is another solution to "Drowning in sea of student loan debt" (Alison Bowen, April 30). Millions of Americans benefited from attending college on student loans. This has given them access to joining the middle class. Taxpayers are left with more than \$1 trillion in uncollected debts. Despite being successfully employed, there are hundreds of thousands of former students with ample incomes who refuse to pay off their student loans. Deny federal and state tax refunds to those deadbeats who look for a free ride at our expense.

LARRY PENNER, VIA EMAIL

Frisk wealthy white men?

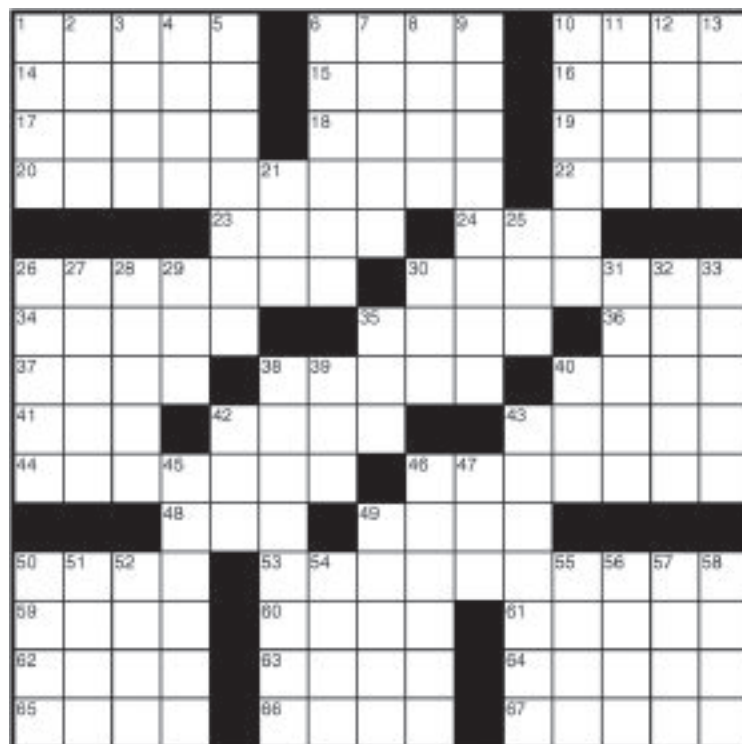
Is stop-and-frisk wrong? Yes. The impact on crime is negligible, the bad will it generates is extreme, and the time, effort and money spent doing it could be used more effectively. People who endorse it should stick to their ideals and mandate that police stop and frisk every wealthy-looking white man they cross paths with because wealthy white men are pretty much at every given second in the middle of a massive criminal fraud.

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SPORTS

Hits keep coming

Youkilis hits DL

The Yankees announced one day after Kevin Youkilis underwent an MRI on his ailing back that they were putting the third baseman on the 15-day DL. Youkilis had played in only one of the last nine games. He received an epidural shot yesterday.

Picked off

Smith fires agent

Geno Smith's first decision as an NFL quarterback wasn't on the field. Instead, he made the decision to fire his agent less than a week after he dropped out of the first round and into the Jets' hands at the seventh pick in the second round. Smith said in a radio interview the decision wasn't based "on one particular incident."



John Tavares may finally get a chance to break out on a national scale in his first time in front of a wide audience. / NHL VIA GETTY IMAGES

Tavares ready to make some noise

NHL playoff preview. New York knows beating the presumptive favorites will not be easy.

Collectively, the New York Islanders had a goal heading into the truncated 2013 NHL regular season: make the playoffs.

Now that the Islanders are in, though, the objective has changed. Now it's about making noise.

"We've talked about how our team is built and how we have to play as a team," head coach Jack Capuano said. "They're buying in, not only in the framework and structure of our team, but in one another. They've been real good, from top to bottom."

They'll have to be even better if they are to upset the Eastern Conference's No. 1-seeded Penguins in the best-of-seven series beginning tonight at the CONSOL Energy Center.

Pittsburgh won four of the five regular-season meetings between the two teams, outscoring the Islanders, 17-9.

Pittsburgh's 3.38-

goals-per-game average was the NHL's best in the regular season.

By any appreciable measure, the Penguins are a legitimate Stanley Cup contender. But there are reasons for the Islanders to feel confident heading into the series.

The Islanders finished the final month of the regular season with an impressive 8-1-4 mark,

including wins over playoff squads Boston and Toronto.

Top-line center John Tavares could be poised for a national-level breakout in his first shot at the playoffs. His 28 goals and 47 points were third- and 10th-most in the league. He was followed by Michael Grabner (16 goals), linemates Matt Moulson and Brad Boyes (16 goals and 10 goals, respectively) and Josh Bailey (11).

"We're playing much better," Tavares said after a win over the Flyers last month. "We're giving ourselves the best possible chance we can."

"I like our chances. We're playing well and we have to keep building off the things we're doing."

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Series schedule

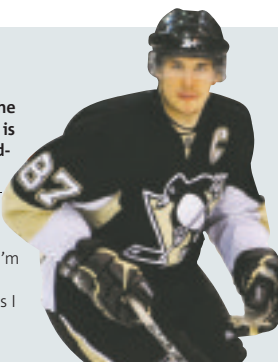
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- **Game 6: Penguins at Islanders** — May 11, TBD
- **Game 7: Islanders at Penguins** — May 12, TBD

Where's the Kid?

The biggest question in the Islanders-Penguins series is the status of superstar Sidney Crosby (broken jaw).

- Crosby has yet to be cleared to play but has been practicing. "I'm not going to take any time if [the trainer] says I can play," Crosby said.



NBA playoffs. Smith won't speak Terry's name before Game 5

J.R. Smith made it clear he believes the Knicks would've won Game 4 had he not been suspended. As for who he was suspended for elbowing, he's not yet ready to speak of.

"Huh? Who? I don't even know who that is. I'm sorry," Smith would say any time either the elbow incident or Jason Terry's name was brought up.

The only time Smith acknowledged Terry's existence was when he alluded to the fact Terry engaged in questionable tactics, causing the Smith to swing his elbow.

"[Terry's action] was [below the belt], but it doesn't matter. ... There are some things that just don't need to be discussed," Smith said. **TONY WILLIAMS**



Smith held court at practice yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

Anyone for golf?

Smith acknowledged he's "vital to the team," then concluded he's learned his lesson. But in doing so, he may have also given the Celtics some bulletin-board

material for Game 5.

- "We had a minor hiccup, but then again we still had a chance to win," Smith said of the Game 4 loss.

"I'm just glad to be back and move on. ... But, oh yeah, [the series] would've been over [if I had not been suspended]. I'd have been playing golf today."

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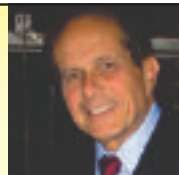
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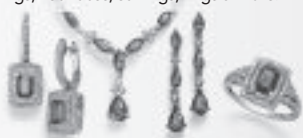
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